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WHAT PRODUCERS WANT IS 'EFFECTIVE FLOOR PRICE'

FLOORS AT POINTS EAST AND WEST ARE GIVEN BY OTTAWA

**Stated \$22.55 for Calgary and
Edmonton; but Picture
Needs Clarifying**

HOG MARKETINGS

**About 20 Million Lbs. Canned,
Surplus Now Being Frozen
in Wiltshire Sides**

An impasse between packing plant processors and the Federal Government brought livestock marketing to a standstill for a day and a half, this week, but the stockyards were re-opened on Tuesday afternoon. Conferences between representatives of the processors, commission agents and R. McCubbin, parliamentary secretary to Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, are continuing as we go to press, the processors demanding further assurance that the Federal Government will take any surplus beef off their hands at support prices. Mr. McCubbin asserts that floor prices on beef cattle are in effect and should be adhered to. What the livestock producers want, declares George Winkelaar, general manager, Alberta Livestock Co-operative, "is that the support price be made effective and workable."

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, May 1st. — Cattle marketings throughout the country have been keeping on as even a keel as can be expected within the restricted scope caused by the embargoes. The buyers showed preference for light weight but well finished animals rather than heavy steers during the past week, unless the heavy steers were really good. Prices were down from 50 cents to a dollar a hundred weight.

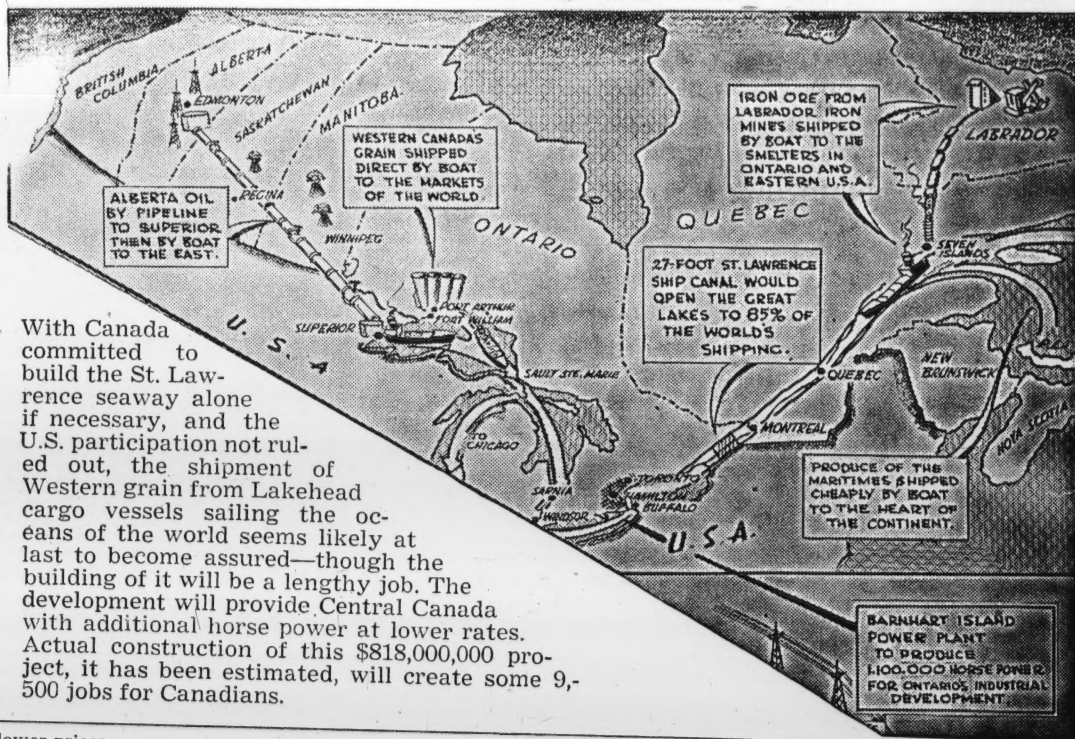
Floor at Various Points

Floor prices are of course established now, and will remain in force at the basis of \$25 for good steers at Toronto, Montreal, and Moncton until July. The price at Winnipeg will be \$23.25, at Saskatoon \$22.80, at Calgary and Edmonton \$22.55 and at Vancouver \$23.40.

At the beginning of June the price for July will be announced, at the beginning of July for August and this principle will continue. In this way the producer will know what he will be getting for his cattle during the two months ahead. Prices for different grades are related to the prices set as a floor price for high quality, \$25.

The situation in relation to outside markets is, of course, known. In the year 1951, Canada exported 400,000 cattle across the border to the United States. Now no outside market is available. It is hoped that more beef will be consumed domestically with

What Building of Seaway Will Mean to Canada



With Canada committed to build the St. Lawrence seaway alone if necessary, and the U.S. participation not ruled out, the shipment of Western grain from Lakehead cargo vessels sailing the oceans of the world seems likely at last to become assured—though the building of it will be a lengthy job. The development will provide Central Canada with additional horse power at lower rates. Actual construction of this \$818,000,000 project, it has been estimated, will create some 9,500 jobs for Canadians.

lower prices.

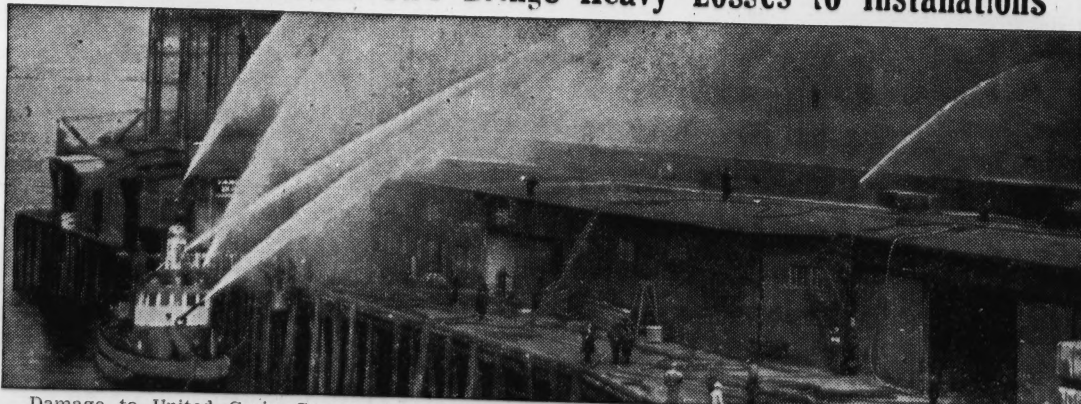
The floor price for hogs is 26 cents at Toronto and Montreal. The recent trend in relation to deliveries of cattle and hogs, is that while cattle have been coming in moderately, there have been heavy runs of hogs. In the week ended April 17th, the deliveries

of hogs amounted to 145,000, the largest number since week in July, 1948. Up to the present this year, hog marketings have been 30 per cent above last year. The marketing of cattle has been about 26 per cent under the same period of last year. For example, the number of cattle in the

past week has been about 14,000 compared with 23,000 in the same week of 1951.

It is of course hogs more than cattle that present the problem, because of heavier marketings and because a producer can hold cattle for (Continued on Page 13)

Vancouver Terminal Fire Brings Heavy Losses to Installations



Damage to United Grain Growers huge \$6,000,000 terminal at Vancouver in last week's fire is tentatively estimated by officials at a million dollars. Damage to the plant itself is superficial, but the wharf is a total loss; damage to contents is not yet ascertained, as examination of the interior of the buildings was only beginning at the time of going to press. Other warehouses and installations were damaged extensively in

the roaring fire, which was started by freight cars backing into an electric welding plant being used to repair a Norwegian freighter, in the dock loading up with Canadian wheat. A short circuit was caused, setting fire to the creosoted wood of the wharf, and in a matter of minutes the whole section of the waterfront was in flames. In the picture above are seen some of the 425 firemen who fought the fire.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



The Retreat From the Land

THE most vital commodity connected with any stepping up of production of foodstuffs, especially dairy foods, is the human one; because we cannot expand our production without the use of manpower. At the moment, the emphasis in this country is on more production of foodstuffs — but the emphasis has been placed a little late and will now take some time to gain back what has been lost by the refusal to acknowledge the position into which we have placed ourselves by overemphasis on secondary industries.

Instead of progress in our primary industry (agriculture and dairying) since the war ended, there has been a big retreat from farming and a general shifting within our own industry to other phases of agriculture which seemingly offered more adequate returns and could be operated with less labor.

Individualism in Labor Market

Intensive individualism dominates the labor market — the oil industry has drawn many of our promising farm youths away from the farm. The idea has got around that once away from the "daily round and the common task" of the farm,

life would be easy — wages high and entertainment within easy reach at will.

We older folk know that many of these attractions are illusory, but it is a seemingly vain effort to try to show that for all their high wages, young people could well be worse off in the city, paying high rents and board and buying at boom prices much of the food which they could grow on their own farms in the country. Despite these things, however, the glitter of the city still attracts those who should be on farms, and young people still leave the quiet attractions of the country for the hard, brittle existence of the city.

Few Haven't Felt Urge

We do not blame our youngsters too much, for there are few of us that have not felt the urge to jump the fence for the other pasture that looks greener and many of us have done so; but nevertheless, we feel that there are things that can be done to induce our young people and future generations to remain on the land. We think that the strongest single force that we have in Alberta today is our junior clubs, which educate young people in the virtues of country life and give them, in their early years, that incentive that is so essential to keep them where they should be.

Our junior clubs arouse in our young folk of the farms an ardent love of the soil — the appreciation of good livestock and the means of social contacts for which so many long. Our Provincial Governments and our producer co-operatives have long recognized that our junior clubs are invaluable in performing these things.

Consider Next Logical Step

Now our Provincial Government is considering, and we hope will not be too long in implementing, the next logical step in helping our young people to stay on the farm. Years ago a young man who could acquire four old plugs, a plow, disc, drill and harrow and borrow the seed from the old man, was all set with a very fair chance of making it go. Today, to have any chance of success, it takes a considerable outlay in cash — far beyond the means of all but the few whose parents are in a position to finance.

This has now been recognized, and our young people are to be helped by having made available to them funds on reasonable terms that will enable them to enter our major industry with a good chance of success.

Let us hope that many of our farm boys and girls will put the lure of so-called high wages of industry aside and

It's an Important Date!

Central Alberta Dairy Pool ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: June 10th

PLACE: Watch this page for location.

We are expecting that the

RT. HON. J. G. GARDINER

will be the guest speaker.

Book the date, and watch your Western Farm Leader for further information.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Two CAPD Employees Honored

Two Central Alberta Dairy Pool employees were honored at a dinner and entertainment recently at the Elks' Hall, when about a hundred and twenty-five employees and their friends were on hand, reports the **Red Deer Advocate**.

F. J. Setters was honored on his retirement as office manager, and Garth Durant, of Botha, was honored for his driving record of 500,000 accident-free miles.

Mr. Setters started with the Dairy Pool in 1925 as Secretary when the first creamery opened at Alix, and has worked continuously since with the C.A.D.P. except for five years. He has been Office Manager at Red Deer for the past ten years. In



F. J. SETTERS



GARTH DURANT

recognition of his service, E. A. Johnstone, Manager, presented Mr. Setters with a chime clock and Mrs. Setters received a bouquet of roses and carnations.

Mr. Durant operates his own truck, but picks up milk and cream for the C.A.D.P. He has been with the company since April, 1937. His accident-free record was marked by the presentation of a gold wrist watch by Mr. Johnstone.

Speakers included J. A. Wood, Elnora, C.A.-D.P. President; J. J. Stone, Alix, member of the Board of Directors, and Okey Lundberg, Alix, on behalf of the branch managers. The banquet was followed by novelty games and a dance. James Martin was chairman.

return to a more satisfying life for themselves, and assure the continuation of an abundant supply of foodstuffs for our country.

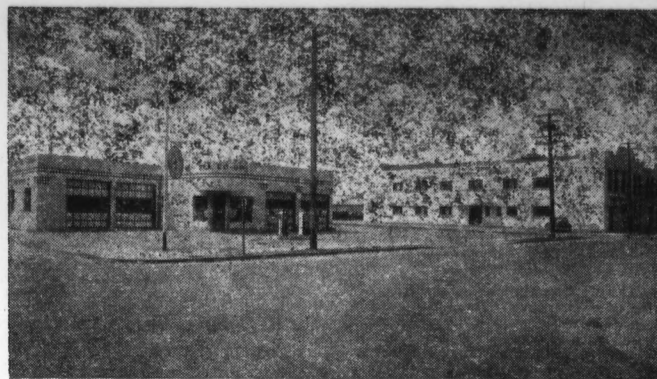
Color Movie "Milk-Made" Wins First Place in Awards

First shown last fall, the Federal Department of Agriculture's color movie "Milk-Made" has won first place in its class in Canadian Film Awards. Previously, it had won top honors at the International Festival at Brescia, Italy. "Milk-Made" tells the story of Canada's dairy industry; sequences include the manufacture of

butter, cheese, ice-cream, powdered and concentrated milk, and the handling of fluid milk and cream.

Advise Against "Fort" Barley

Western farmers should not grow the new "Fort" barley, warns the Barley Improvement Institute, who state that it is not a malting barley. It is feared that its production, even on a limited scale, may endanger the high standard of premium malting grades built up in recent years.

**SELF RELIANCE**

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The 24,000 members of U.F.A. Co-op could only have built this organization by working together for a common cause. Throughout the years the Co-operative has followed a steady program of expansion of services to more and more communities.

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FEDERAL MARKETING LEGISLATION

An issue of very great importance to all Canadian farmers who wish to develop their own organizations for the orderly marketing of their products will be decided by the Supreme Court of Canada at an early date. The Supreme Court of Canada, now the last court of appeal, has been asked to decide upon the validity of Federal marketing legislation, embodied in what has become generally known as "Bill 82". The hearing may be under way when this issue reaches many of our readers.

The legislation, which was passed at Ottawa as the response to representations made by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, "made it possible," the C.F.A. News Bulletin points out, "for the Federal Government to confer on marketing boards operating under Provincial acts the power to market their products in the interprovincial and export fields."

An act of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, complementing the Federal legislation, provided for the setting up of a marketing board (P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board). The Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island, however, challenged the right of the Federal Government to delegate marketing powers in the interprovincial and export fields to Provincial marketing boards, and also challenged the legality of the Provincial legislation.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada will affect the standing of marketing schemes in various Canadian Provinces.

The appeal is being made by the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board jointly with the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS

In the death of Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain loses one of her great statesmen of our time, a man whose outstanding qualities of character and brain were universally respected. He was a member of the Churchill coalition Cabinet during the war, and was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labor administration from 1945 to 1950. In the last three years of that period he was Minister of Economic Affairs, with wide powers over industry and finance. His program of "austerity" — continued rationing, banning of luxuries and heavy taxation — was successful in bringing the country back towards recovery, until the present heavy defence expenditures added to its difficulties. In several visits to Canada, Sir Stafford strongly advocated increased trade between this country and the United Kingdom. He resigned because of ill health in 1950, and died in Switzerland on April 21st, a few days before his sixty-third birthday.

"HUNGER HAUNTS OUR CIVILIZATION"

Norris E. Dodd, who succeeded Lord Boyd-Orr as Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, has for some time past been urging upon Governments everywhere that agricultural requirements should be remembered in the planning of the huge defence programs of our day. His views are outlined at some length

YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW
Words beat upon our ears — great cataracts
Of words that shift and change the long hours
through,

Submerging us in fantasies and facts,
So that we know not what is false or true.
And while the words incessantly repeat
The will to peace again and yet again

We hear, as mocking echoes of defeat,
The everlasting tread of marching men.

There always have been wars since time began;
The cynic claims that wars can never cease;
But still there lingers in the mind of man
The vision of a universal peace.

Meanwhile from dawn to dark, from dark to dawn,
The sacrificial legions still march on.

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

in the May issue of **United Nations World**.

Mr. Dodd, declares that publication, "considers that the modern world is sick because it supplies energy for mechanical devices, including weapons of destruction, while permitting a decrease of the energy available for human life, which can only come from food."

"It would seem that hunger is steadily haunting our civilization," states Mr. Dodd. "If the tide continues to rise, there will inevitably be also a rising tide of unrest and revolution and war."

"Grim is still the word for the world food situation. Though world production is now some nine per cent greater than the average in the five-year period 1934-38, the number of people is twelve per cent greater. If all foods were evenly distributed, each of the more than 2,000,000,000 people in the world would have a little less to eat today than in the five pre-war years. But, of course, foods are not evenly distributed. Those who are well fed have as much as they had before, or more. Most of those who were hungry then are hungrier now."

A report by the FAO, for which Mr. Dodd is responsible, dwells upon some of the handicaps which have to be faced and which have led Mr. Dodd to make his urgent request for agricultural planning to be dealt with in the defence program. **United Nations World** comments:

"Militating against the organization have been the combined forces of world war damage and deterioration, droughts, floods, continued civil disturbances, the lethargy of many nations, and finally, the diversion of energy and resources to armed forces."

"Of all these, rearmament is perhaps the most vital. In great areas with more than half the world's population, land is cultivated with inadequate equipment, primitive tools, and scanty use of fertilizers or pesticides. Yet defence expansion is curtailing production of just these items. Underdeveloped countries which export raw materials face an especially paradoxical situation. While the acute demand for raw materials is easing their foreign exchange position, they are unable to use their earnings for agricultural development because of a shortage of the necessary supplies."

Mr. Dodd, of course, does not challenge the necessity for adequate defence — for adequate armament. He does insist, however, that agricultural requirements shall be met, "even if it means further slight limitations of heavy goods for consumers in the highly industrialized countries."

Alberta Federation of Agriculture Makes Presentation to Farmers' Union Executive

WE are here this afternoon representing the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, wishing to interview and enquire of your Executive, in the most friendly manner, whether you recognize any need for, and if so, would you be interested in surveying the advisability and practicability of further consolidation of the farm organizations.

Facts to Be Recognized

In soliciting this interview, we do so in recognition of the criticism of the Federation from time to time in not giving leadership toward affecting a Provincial over-all farm organization that could tie in more closely and completely the Locals, Districts, and Commodity groups, under one Provincial Board.

The Federation is also mindful of the fact that too many of our farmers have too little information of the purposes and activities of it, as our contacts with the individual farmer are, in the main, through one or more of our member groups. We, as individual members of the F.U.A., are interested in, and recognize the problems of the F.U.A. We are also conscious of some of the criticisms offered from various sources of the F.U.A. as with our own Federation. Some we believe are justified, and some are not.

Extremes Interest Few

We are aware of the wishes of some farmers to support an extreme Left, or an extreme Right, organization. Our personal opinion is that a very small percentage of the farmers are interested in either of these extremes. They are interested in an aggressive, constructive type of organization, embodying youth and experience to the end that practical and positive enunciated policies would receive the approval and active support of the great majority of our farm population.

When We Had One Organization

There was a time in Alberta when we had one such farm organization. During that time the farm organization was admired by nearly, if not every, Albertan. Perhaps the only way to regain and retain that influence and respect is through one clannish, unselfish, agrarian organization embodying the breadth and scope of enlightenment and intelligence which the great majority of our farm people are entitled to expect.

We only wish to explore whether your organization would be interested in a study of this nature, and if so, perhaps a working committee could be set up by the A.F.A. and F.U.A. to make a comprehensive study with the view of reporting on the merits and demerits of further consolidation.

Experience of Four Years

It is recalled that back in 1946, a merger was nearly consummated. Two years later, the U.F.A. and A.F.U.

amalgamated, and as such have experienced nearly four years of organizational endeavor. These four years afford a period in which experience may indicate, to some extent, the success of this body measured by membership, and the efficiency of obtaining results for our farmers through our organizations as presently composed.

We must hasten to point out that we are not here at this time to press for, or to suggest further consolidation, merger, or amalgamation. We are here to explore the interest and opinion of your group, as to whether there is a need and an interest in reviewing the present status of these provincial bodies with a view of creating and effecting farm organization in this province on the most acceptable, economical, consolidated, efficient and less duplicated basis.

Basis for Commencing Study

We may suggest that if it is considered advisable to review our position, the constitution drawn up in 1946 for amalgamation of the then three organizations, perhaps could be used as a basis for commencing the study.

Briefly, this could mean in effect, dissolving the present Boards of the F.U.A. and A.F.A. and constituting a new Board composed of fourteen Directors appointed by and at District conventions, the three executive members of the women's organization, the president of the Juniors, plus eight elected by commodity groups, making a total Board of Directors of approximately twenty-six members.

Could Report Recommendations

No doubt vigorous arguments by a few would be forthcoming for and against such changes taking place. We assume it would be the duty of the committee, if established, to summarize such arguments and recommend its findings to the Boards of the F.U.A. and A.F.A. during midsummer, for their consideration. The Boards in turn, could report to their respective annual meetings such recommendations as they were prepared to endorse.

There is evidence of a new off-shoot of farm organization now, with reported progress in obtaining membership, at a fee of fifteen dollars. We note in the January and February issues of *The Organized Farmer*, unkindly remarks with respect to the A.F.A. and Western Conference annual meetings. We hope these are generating from lack of experience and information, because if they are indicative of division, and nothing is done to overcome such motives, then we can be assured that the farmers, by adopting such motives leading to division, will be adopting the most effective means of crippling their own efforts.

Receptive to Constructive Criticism

It would be farthest from the wishes of anyone who is first concerned in helping solve farmers' problems, to say or do anything against anyone who is trying to aid the farmer in any way. The Federation must be, at all times, receptive to constructive criticism; also, ready to face up to needs and circumstances as they develop in farm organizations. The farmers' cause is the Federation's cause. The Federation is not needed for any other purpose.



President ROY C. MARLER

A presentation made by Roy C. Marler of Bremner, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, and Carl Antonson, of Pibroch, a Director, to a meeting of the Executive of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, in the F.U.A. Board Room in Edmonton on April 17th, is printed in full on this page. The representatives of the Federation made it clear that "we are not here at this time to press for, or to suggest further consolidation, merger, or amalgamation. We are here to explore the interest and opinion of your group, as to whether there is a need and an interest in reviewing the present status of these Provincial bodies with a view of creating and effecting farm organization in this Province on the most acceptable, economical, consolidated, efficient and less duplicated basis."

Barley Contest Will Be Held — Alberta, Manitoba

Only Alberta and Manitoba will take part in the 1952 National Barley Contest, and the inter-provincial prizes will be \$500 and \$300. Provincial prizes will be the same as in other years, \$200, \$150, and \$100, with seven prizes ranging from \$30 to \$100 in each region.

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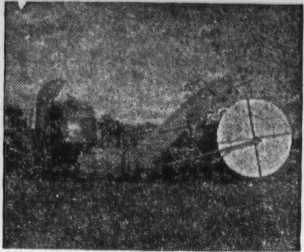
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Prevention Best

Improving the health of the world, declared Dr. Gordon Bates, general director of the Health League of Canada, recently, depends upon money spent in health departments to prevent disease rather than on hospitals to care for the unnecessarily ill; "for the elimination of poverty and resultant diminishing need for charity." These things, he points out, can only be brought about by an interested, educated and active citizenry. He warmly endorses the plan of the World Health Organization to set up Citizens' Committees in each of its 78 member countries.

Cattlemen Heartened ...and for Good Reason

By LORNE STOUT

ALBERTA Cattlemen were heartened by the success of the Calgary Bull Sale, and for good reason. For the first time since farther back than the old timers can remember, the biggest annual Bull Sale of its kind in the world had to get along without buyers from other Provinces and from the United States. Still 856 Bulls were sold for the staggering total of \$611,720.00 and an average price of \$714.00, second highest in more than half a century.

Only Exceeded by 1951

Only 1951's fabulous sale, when buyers exceeded the supply and prices boomed to the unheard of \$1,119.00 average, outdid 1952, in spite of sharply lower beef prices in the U.S. as well as Canada which had indicated a falling price level at the Bull Sale, even without the body blow to the industry of foot-and-mouth disease.

Breeders were assured that Good Bulls are worth good money regardless of circumstances. In the Hereford breed, two Bulls sold above five thousand dollars, eleven above three thousand and 86 for a thousand dollars or more. The top ten Herefords averaged \$4,105.00. The entire 589 Herefords averaged \$770.06.

For the Shorthorns, twelve sold at a thousand dol-

est price, when one of his Herefords sold to Ralph Wright of Irricana at \$5,300.00.

In Calgary District Club

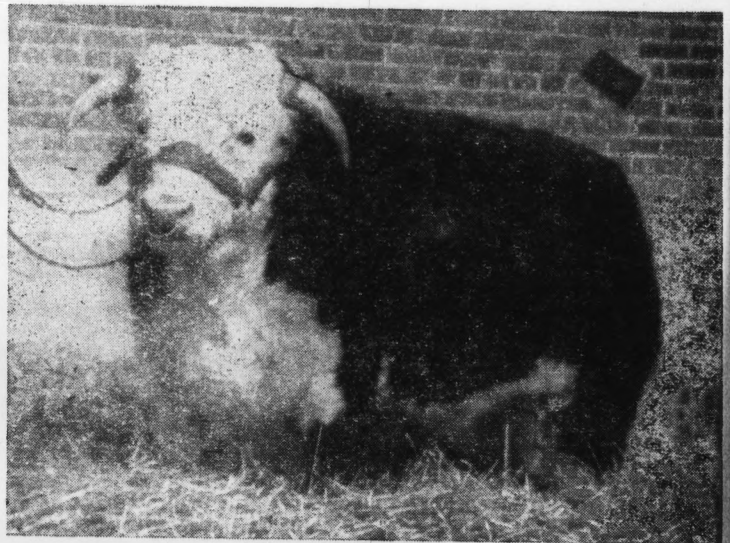
Tom Hughes of High River had the highest placed Hereford in the newly formed Calgary District Hereford Club, his Reserve Senior Champion selling at \$2,700.00 to Al Price of Crossfield. Only one of the top price and Champion Herefords went outside the Calgary District in the Sale.

In Shorthorn Breed

T. G. Hamilton of Innisfail won most of the Ribbons for the Shorthorn Breed, with the Junior and Senior and Grand Champions and the Best Group of Three to win the trophy donated by P. J. Rock. It was P. J. Rock who gave Hamilton the competition, winning Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Championship, while Emil Cammaert of Rockyford had the Reserve Junior Championship.

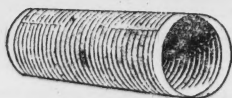
Hamilton's Champion topped the Shorthorn Sale, at \$3,300.00 to Hugh

GRAND CHAMPION HEREFORD



Blue Jay Domino 3E from Warren Smith, Olds, sold at \$4,200 and won for Warren an all-expense trip to England, from L. P. Lord, head of Austin Motor Car Company, a Calgary visitor Bull Sale Week.

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lars and more, and 175 averaged \$536.40, while the Aberdeen-Angus sold 13 in the top bracket, and the 92 averaged \$698.75.

For all breeds the Champions and top Bulls sold well. Warren Smith of Olds had the Champion Hereford, it brought \$4,200.00 with Mrs. Delta Cole of Redlands the buyer. William Weber of Claresholm; had the Reserve Grand Champion and the Best two and Best three Bulls. The Champion sold to Otto Schmalzbauer, Maloy, and the other two brought \$4,100.00, from R. G. Spooner, Calgary and \$4,000.00 from J. R. Frodsham, Cardston.

Highest Priced Bull \$5,500

McIntyre Ranching of Lethbridge and Magrath had the highest priced bull of the sale, at \$5,500.00, with Chas. E. Jones of Balzac the buyer, and as a result, McIntyre, with 5 bulls, the best five Herefords in the sale, had the highest sale average of any breeder, edging out J. M. Campbell of Stavelby by \$25.00. Campbell had the second high-

L. Sharpe of Lacombe. The Cross Brothers A-7 Rancho of Nanton bought P. J. Rock's Reserve Champion at \$2,500.00 and Cammaert sold his junior Reserve at the second high of the sale \$2,550.00 to Floyd Bolduc of Travers.

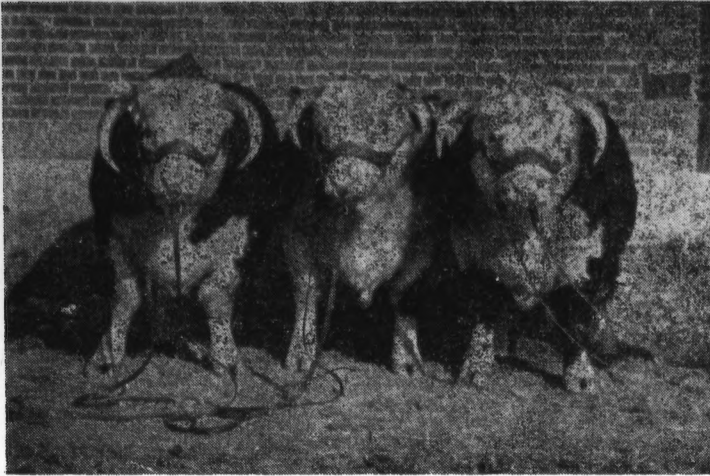
Honors Divided in Blacks

Honors were also well divided in the Blacks. Old Hermitage Farms of Edmonton had both the Grand and Reserve Champions, but the Junior Champion came from the University of Alberta, and the Reserve Junior from Don Matthews, Highland Stock Farm, Calgary. Then Roy Ballhorn of Wetaskiwin won the prize for the best three Aberdeen-Angus Bulls, Highland Stock farms placed second and McBride's Riverbend Farms, Benalto, third.

Aberdeen-Angus prices were neither so high, nor as low, but the breed maintained the best average and the best comparison with former years of the three. The Grand Champion brought \$2,300 from W. L. McGillivray of Coaldale. Roy Ballhorn had the second high price at \$1,550.00 with J. F. Scott of Midnapore the buyer.

Goes Off Smoothly and Efficiently
Under the Calgary Stampede's new General Manager, Maurice Hartnett, and with the experienced Staff, the 1952 Bull Sale went off as smoothly and efficiently as always. The only hitch came in a minor dispute over culling, when the Hereford Group decided to make a change in proceedings, which allowed some of the bulls

Best Three Hereford Bulls



Best three bulls: Calgary Sale Hereford class from William Weber, fitted by Ed. Noad, Claresholm, sold for \$10,350, including Reserve Grand Champion.

to be returned home instead of being sent to the stockyards, as did the Shorthorn and Aberdeen-Angus. However, this was an internal matter, of the type that have long plagued the process of culling, and will be ironed out by another year.

So in spite of restrictions, embargoes and a surplus of bulls, which hit particularly at the Shorthorn breed, the annual bull Sale at Calgary maintained its reputation as the biggest and most important livestock sale in Canada. Prices, while down, still were

substantial, and reflected the firm foundation of the cattle industry, a faith in the future that disease, prices or marketing could not affect, let alone destroy.

And in the long run, these troubles may be of benefit. Certainly, one favorable aspect was that, due to the embargo, all of the best bulls this year stayed at home in Alberta. The effect of this in future years undoubtedly will be to show a further improvement in the fine beef cattle being produced in Alberta.

Encyclopedia That Meets Real Need For Every Livestock Man

A Book Review

By Dr. S. H. McCLELLAND, V.S.

I HAVE just had the pleasure of looking through a new publication, unique of its kind, so far as I know, entitled **Livestock Health Encyclopedia**. It contains in about 600 pages the most recent findings of 314 experts and the advice which they offer to owners of livestock for the improvement of the health and value of their animals.

Arranged Alphabetically

Its 3,700 entries are all arranged alphabetically, making it possible to find very quickly the information the reader may need. Almost all diseases of livestock and the latest treatments and the newer drugs are explained in a way that is easy to understand.

The good coated paper on which it is printed make possible perfect reproduction of hundreds of illustrations and there are also many useful charts. The book is compiled and edited by Rodolph Seiden, Ch. E., F.A.I.C., a United States consultant on Veterinary Pharmaceuticals, Disinfectants and Insecticides.

The need for a book of this character is stressed by Robert L. Anders, D.V.M. Editor of *Veterinary Medicine*, in a foreword in which he points out that "much significant information is now being accumulated that should be useful if generally practiced, but it appears in widely scattered and varied publications. Were it possible for an interested cattleman of today to study all these publications . . . he would doubtless find little, if any, time to view his herd."

Dr. Anders points out that by as-

sembling between the covers of one book the sum and substance of a vast number of sources, a practical reader concerned with livestock production, sanitation and disease control, is at last made available.

I note, by the way, that an important section of the Encyclopedia deals with Foot-and-Mouth disease, about which Canadians have had good reason to be much concerned of late, though we may hope (without final certainty as yet) that the measures taken by the Federal Health authorities to eradicate this disease may have proved successful.

This is a book that every owner of livestock should have. It is obtainable in Canada from Burns and MacEachern of 165 Elizabeth Street, Toronto 2, and the price is \$8.25.

Massey Harris sales in North America last year increased by 20 per cent over the previous year, it was shown by the annual report to shareholders, but net profit was down.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL

Meeting Dates — Just at this time of the year, there is a lull in Federation activities, that is as far as meetings or conferences are concerned. However, plans are being developed for important meetings during the summer and fall months.

At this time we can report the Annual National Conference of the Farm Radio Forum. This gathering will be held at the McGill University during May 30th and 31st. Following this meeting, the Canadian Association for Adult Education will meet at the same place.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture will hold its summer meeting this year at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph on July 22nd to 24th. This gathering will undoubtedly appoint the C.F.A. delegates to attend the next meeting of I.F.A.P. which has been called for some time in October at Rome, Italy.

Standardization of Weed Chemical 2-4-D — The A.F.A. annual meeting in December endorsed a resolution urging the standardization of 2-4-D. The general opinion was that such standardization would simplify its use and would also tend to assure proper rates of application.

This resolution was also endorsed by the Western Agricultural Conference and the C.F.A. annual meeting. Since then it has been brought to the attention of the Dominion Plant Products Division for consideration.

Recent correspondence from that Department points out that a considerable degree of standardization has taken place in recent years. This has been done voluntarily by the Agricultural Chemical Industry. It was the general opinion of the trade and the Department that further standardization at this time would not be practical and would not be of particular value to the users.

Projects Under Survey — The Federation office has three projects under study at the present time and we are gathering all information we can for study by the Board of Directors.

The A.F.A. annual meeting last December passed a resolution requesting the Board to investigate the possibility of having the establishment of a produce tax in lieu of income tax. The C.F.A. through Dr. Hope, our Economist, is also carrying out some studies with regard to income tax. This information may be helpful in preparing our report.

The other two subjects are unemployment insurance for farm workers and workmen's compensation. There seems to be a growing feeling in many circles that these protective

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features should be applied to agriculture. It can be said that considerations along this line have come to the point where organized agriculture is being urged to express a definite opinion.

We anticipate that information on these subjects will be available during this summer and fall, and that our delegates attending the 1952 annual meeting will be charged with the responsibility of assisting in giving definite recommendations.

Fundamental Agrarian Reform Needed in Asia

"In India the individual holdings are so fragmented that it is difficult for the average farmer to raise enough to feed his own family. In Malaya 60 per cent of the farmers are small holders. In other parts of Asia the problem is more or less the same. Because the tenant does not want the major benefits of his efforts to pass to the absentee landholder, the land remains without substantial improvement. In the absence of any small-credit facilities the farmer has had frequently to mortgage his holding, his future and that of his children to the unscrupulous moneylender. Without fundamental agrarian reform in Asia, therefore, it would be foolish to expect the full co-operation of the man who tills the soil in undertaking measures to step up food production." — Hon. LESTER PEARSON.

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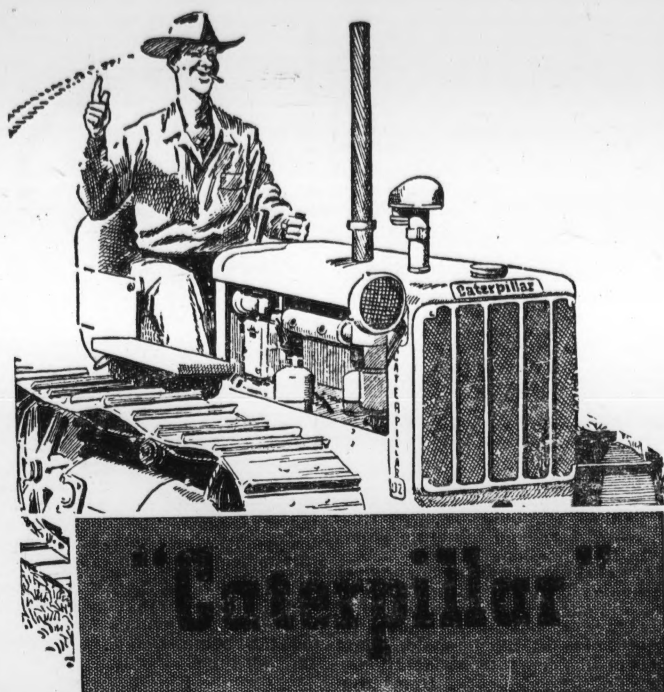
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WORLD CHRONICLE

Apr. 16th. — U.S. will follow Britain in pledging aid to members of proposed European Defence Community, says Acheson, but won't guarantee military assistance.

Apr. 17th. — International Wheat Agreement discussions open in London. In Korea UN negotiators announce readiness to resume talks on prisoner-of-war issue; Communists have been ready for several days.

Apr. 18th. — Leading U.K. officials in Egypt, Sudan, recalled to London. UN troops take positions on central Korean front. Free servants, free train service, to be ended for U.S. army personnel in occupied Germany, says Bonn despatch. London reports that the U.S. has proposed Generals Ridgway and Gruenther as alternative successors to Eisenhower.



GEN. RIDGWAY

Nearly 40 per cent of British trades unionists demand wage increases. United Kingdom Embassy in Washington states Britain is pressing for removal of trade restrictions in U.S. against British goods. British Secretary for Overseas Trade, Henry Hopkinson, says he'd welcome any agreement for sale of British textiles to Russia or China. Civil Aviation regulations to be tightened up in U.S., says Washington despatch.

Apr. 19th. — U.S. communications strike ends in 43 States.

Apr. 20th. — Delegates, ambassadors and officials mark seventh anniversary of forming of UN by attending special service in New York's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. World's population has grown by fifty per cent since 1900, may increase by another 50 per cent in next generation, say UN statisticians. Bonn report sets May 17th as date for signing treaties to end occupation of West Germany and to set up European army. London Sunday Pictorial says Duke of Edinburgh plans to overhaul domestic economy of Buckingham Palace, to cut red tape and reduce costs. Eden confers with British officials from Egypt and Sudan on plans to break Anglo-Egyptian deadlock.

Apr. 21st. — Sir Stafford Cripps dies, aged almost 63; had played important role in planning India's independence, and in shaping British post-war recovery policies. After meeting with Truman, Pearson announces way cleared for Canada to submit to international joint commission plans for developing St. Lawrence seaway. Washington expects other Western powers will back U.S. in rejecting Russian proposals for peace with Germany; but West Europe hums with reports of desire not to slam door hastily on negotiation possibilities.

Apr. 22nd. — New cases of foot-and-mouth disease discovered in buffer zone about seven miles outside original quarantined area, in Saskatchewan; not considered alarming. British "white paper" shows per capita food consumption dropped from 2,990 calories in 1950 to 2,970 in 1951, compared to pre-war 3,000; meat consumption dropped from 95.6 per capita in 1950 to 76.3. Ottawa states Canada has now spent over \$100 millions on Korean war. U.S. air force launches jet fighter, in flight, from mother aircraft. In Calgary, Peter Stursberg says UN stands between world and third great war.

Apr. 23rd. — Flood threat in Saskatchewan said past. Crest of Mississippi flood now over; towns on Mississippi endangered. U.S. steel price

Statesman Dies



Sir Stafford Cripps, above, died in Zurich, Switzerland, on April 21st, after a long illness. He was within a few days of 63 years of age.

ceilings "upped" \$3 ton. Waterfront fire in Vancouver does damage estimated at \$3 to \$5 millions.

Apr. 24th. — Pearson tells House in Ottawa that Endicott will be questioned, when he returns to Canada, on report from Peking attributing to him statement germ warfare used in Korea, and Canada possible source of germs.

Apr. 25th. — Communists break off secret talks on prisoner exchange; UN propose full-dress meeting of armistice delegations. Tehran reports U.S. has agreed to resume military aid for Iran, dropped in January. U.S. House of Representatives passes bill which would remove all color bars to citizenship; bill sent to Senate. Adenauer loses control of upper chamber, West German parliament, to opposition coalition. British government to pay \$39 millions more next year for home-grown foods; is part of program to increase farm output.

Apr. 26th. — Eisenhower in Luxembourg; begins round of farewell visits to NATO troops under his command. New U.S. submarine viewed by congressmen and officials at Washington.

Apr. 27th. — Daylight saving begins throughout Canada, except in Alberta.

Apr. 28th. — Japanese peace treaty becomes formally effective; occupation is officially over, though U.S. troops remain. Ridgway succeeds Eisenhower, Clark takes over from Ridgway. Britain can best contribute to defence of Western Europe by air power, says Alexander, British defence minister. Coronation of Queen Elizabeth set for June 2nd, 1953. New outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease reported in buffer zone.

Apr. 29th. — London reports Anglo-Egyptian differences on defence of Suez Canal virtually resolved. Endicott denies saying Canada was implicated in germ warfare, but believes U.S. is spreading disease germs in China. Korean truce talks in complete recess.

Apr. 30th. — Strike of 650,000 U.S. steel workers begins, following injunction of Federal judge restoring industry to owners.

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Priestley Discusses Role of Democratic Forces

WILL the co-operative movement and the faith and vision of co-operators prove adequate to meet the test of any future period of depression, or will co-operators themselves succumb to the temptation, in time of stress, to turn to some form of absolutism to save them from poverty and distress?

Believes Forces Adequate

These questions were raised by Norman F. Priestley, Secretary of the Alberta Co-operative Union, in the course of his report to the Union presented at its Annual Meeting. Mr. Priestley expressed his own belief that "there are forces within our democratic society that have the potential strength to avert such a catastrophe," and that "the educational activities of co-operatives are not the least significant of those forces."

Half Century's Achievement

Leading up to a consideration of the factors in our modern life which brought him to this conclusion, Mr. Priestley surveyed the development of co-operatives in Alberta since pioneer times. "Looking back over a period of nearly half a century in Alberta", he said, "and making an effort to put a value on the work of thousands of people in applying co-operative principles to the business of buying and selling, I see that we have done well. Our joint labors have become embodied in institutions. At almost any point in the Province we can look around and see businesses and buildings carrying the name 'Co-op' or 'Pool' or some other name which signifies unity of effort."

Is the Design Complete

"I ask myself as to the meaning of all this. Is it possible that the design is complete and that all which remains to be done is to fill in the details? Perhaps it will be enough to keep on at the practical job of increasing our percentage of the business of the marketplace. More bushels of grain, more head of livestock, more gallons of milk, more pounds of butter, more cases of eggs, more tons of wool, converting a neighbor here and another there—perhaps it is as simple as that. Perhaps here is the answer to my question."

"Well," I have said to myself, "we could, in addition to securing these greater percentages of the market, sell much more gasoline and lubricating oil to our members and ultimately become the owners of our own oil wells and manufacturing plants. And, of course, there are still many towns and villages in which there is no co-operative store."

"Then too, there is a big job to be done in consolidating the buying power of our co-operatives through our Co-op Wholesale, Interprovincial Co-operatives, National Co-operatives, Incorporated, etc., and we could expand into the international field until, in association with other co-ops in other Provinces and states, we have made such a demonstration of the soundness and practical value of the principles and methods of co-operation that thoughtful men would turn to it in ever increasing numbers. Perhaps the movement would then become a swelling tide which would sweep the world."

Questions Which Persist

"This line of thought is nothing new to me. I have tried to still the questionings of my mind with it for many years; but the questions would not lie down."

"The situation breeds other questions. I spent a week last month in the capital city of our country. We were assembled at the Forty-third

Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada. No mention was made of visiting a single co-operative institution in that city. Why? Because there isn't one of any significance.

"On my way home I spent two days each in the cities of Chicago and Minneapolis, meeting leaders in the education and publicity fields in the U.S.A. and examining their methods and institutions. They talk in large terms. Their figures are in scores of millions. They have really something to show. But! I walked for miles amid huge buildings in those cities, filled by millions of people living by the business of buying and selling, and could find scarcely an instance of co-operative enterprise and the questioning would begin again."

Have We the Time — or Momentum?

"We who have spent a large part of a lifetime in the building of co-operatives are confident that we have found the solution to the world's most pressing economic problem, the distribution of wealth; but have we the time to demonstrate it? I listen to the radio and read the press and wonder if some other great forces with big ideas about changing the nature of human society have attained greater speed and more momentum than we."

"Are we running a losing race?"

Is it possible that the millions of so-called 'little people' who compose our co-operatives will become so discouraged at the slow progress we make that, in some future period of economic depression, when the co-operatives they have built are found to be insufficient to save them from poverty and distress and are hard pressed to survive as institutions, they will turn to the political state and endow it with some form of absolutism, surrendering to it every liberty we have, including the right to build and maintain co-operatives?

"Looking around at and analysing to the best of my ability the world situation I have been forced to admit that it is easily possible. 'That,' you may say, 'is a very pessimistic outlook. If there is no other answer to these questions we might as well quit now, and save ourselves further effort and prepare to meet the worst.'"

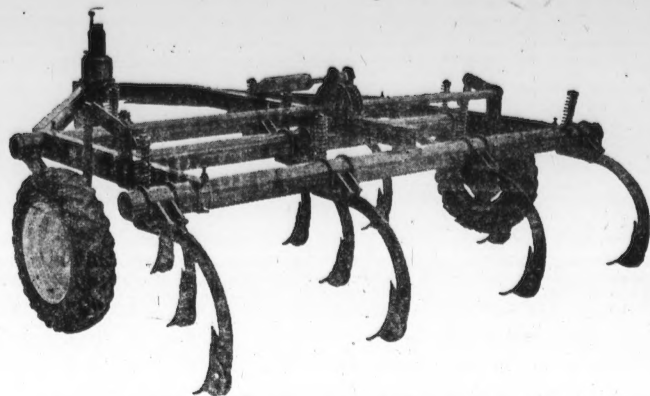
"By no means! There are forces within our democratic society that have the potential strength to avert such a catastrophe. The educational activities of co-operatives are not the least significant of those forces. It is easy to be pessimistic, especially if we see only the particular task in which we are engaged."

Need to Impart Social Significance

"The Co-operative Union of Alberta, for instance, is a young and financially weak organization; but it is the local expression of a need felt almost everywhere throughout the co-operative movement; a need to lift the eyes of our leaders from time to time above the work of the marketplace, with its emphasis on operating statements and balance sheets (a very necessary emphasis by the way) to the task of imparting to the ordinary member of our co-operatives a sense of spiritual meaning of the thing they are doing when they co-operate, some understanding of the social significance of the co-operative, its principles and methods and its possibilities for the world at large."

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"Congress is a gathering of men and women from every Province, assembled for the specific and sole purpose of extending and deepening the influence and value of the work done co-operatively in thousands of communities across this Canada of ours. That we have built such an organization, that it continues to increase in strength, that it attracts and merits the attention of men and women in high places in our public life, is one of the best guarantees we have that our democracy will emerge sound and virile from the present world-wide social chaos."

Support Nation-wide Effort

"One of the principal functions of the Alberta Co-operative Union is to take our part in this Province in supporting the nation-wide effort."

The report dealt with the record of the Union during the past year. The sum of \$3,000 was contributed to the national budget. In addition to important other activities of the year recorded (reference to some of these is made by President Frey elsewhere), it was noted that support was given to the presentation by the CUC to the Federal Government on amendments to the Combines Act, making resale price maintenance illegal.

Canada's Governor-General

(From The Times of India, Bombay)

While the appointment of Mr. Vincent Massey as the Governor-General of Canada has been received with genuine pleasure and approval everywhere, it is interesting to note that some sections of Canadian opinion would regard the occasion as one of an opportunity missed.

Among them is Calgary's **Western Farm Leader**, which suggests that an invitation to the high office could have been made, "in friendship and fraternity", to a distinguished citizen of India, Pakistan or Ceylon. Singling out two names for specific mention — those of Mr. B. N. Rau and Mrs. Pandit — the paper hopes that "the opportunity may recur."

T.B. RESTRICTED AREAS

Petitions covering the whole Province, asking for the establishment of tuberculosis restricted areas for cattle, will be in at an early date, Hon. David Ure, Minister of Agriculture, anticipates. In 1950 and 1951 Federal officials tested approximately 270,000 cattle, and the incidence of infection continues extremely low, stated Mr. Ure. Stoney Plain M.D. No. 84 has been declared a T.B. accredited area for three years.

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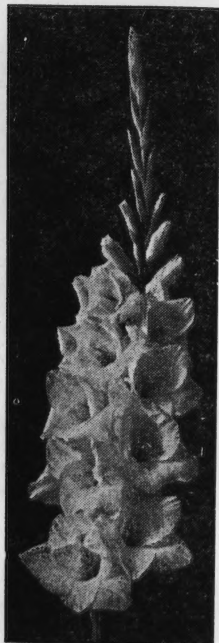
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FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

Why Are There Not More Women in Prominent Roles in Canadian Affairs?

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

Looking over some papers tonight I noticed the slate of officials of the Canadian Citizenship Council. It made me stop and wonder why. The reason being that I noted that the President was a man, as were the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and of the list of 14 additional members of the executive only two were women.

Equality in Citizenship?

As I say, I wondered why. Would an entire stranger to our way of life get the impression of equality of citizenship of the sexes on looking at such a list or of a list of the members of our Parliament and Legislative bodies?

Why the difference in such an organization, which studies social conditions in our country and works to the end that they may be improved for those who live here and also to help newcomers become better citizens in their new home? Have Canadian women not a greater contribution to make? Are they lacking in the ability or in the desire to do so?

When It Was Different

There was a time when it was more understandable.

There were not the business women there are today. The woman's place was in the home, and she was kept there much more steadily and longer than today. Families are smaller today and even with them, small children, especially in our cities, are very often able to get to kindergarten schools where sometimes they get better and more methodical, intelligent training than at home, and mothers will find the time for companionship and affection with them as father does.

As for housework, every phase of it has increased possibilities for taking time off if necessary. The modern conveniences for cookery, the array of canned goods, the increased knowledge of food values — these very often contribute to a better balanced diet than in the old days. The washing and the ironing can make for a different problem with the modern machinery and the new materials which do not require ironing.

Can Contribute More

The active woman of today is in a position to make much greater contribution to our public work than could her mother or grandmother who worked to give her the possibility to be considered an equal citizen. Perhaps both women and men need to realize this to a greater extent, the women to realize their opportunity and fit themselves for it, and the men to realize the possibilities of assistance they have to hand.

Something We Can Do

And, speaking of the contribution women have made to our public life, did you read the editorial by Lotta Dempsey in April's *Chatelaine* regarding Agnes Macphail's appointment to the Senate? She suggested all of us write, and get our friends to do the same, to the Prime Minister (no stamp required) urging Miss Macphail's appointment to the Senate.

Certainly I am not in favor of the Senate as that body is formed today; but as long as it continues to be a sort of old

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Green Beans: Very Good: Kentucky Wonder; Good: Stringless Green, Tendergreen.

Wax Beans: Good: Round Pod Kidney Wax; Fair: Pencil Pod Black Wax.

Corn: Very Good: Dorinny, Kingcroft Bantam; Fair: Golden Bantam, Dorick.

Peas: Good: Smallton, Thos. Laxton, Little Marvel; Fair to Good: Duke of Albany.

folks' home for politicians who is more deserving than she, our pioneer woman member of Parliament, who isn't yet old enough to qualify for the old age pension but who would be oh, so glad of that steady income. Also I wonder who would continue to give of their service more than she?

I second the motion.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Announce Plans for Farm Young People's Week

A full and interesting program has been prepared for Farm Young People's Week, to be held at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, from June 10th to 18th. Lectures, demonstrations, classes, discussions, sports, sight-seeing, social gatherings are planned to fill each day. Apart from the sports contests, there are eight different competitions, with prizes up to \$75 in value.

Who May Attend

Any farm young people, between the ages of 16 and 27, may attend. Room and board will be provided at the University residence on the Campus, at an inclusive cost of \$28.

Soap, towels and toilet articles should be brought, as well as any musical instruments played; girls should take hats and gloves, for wear at church and teas; boys are expected to wear jackets and ties at meals. Formals are correct but not necessary for the banquet.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Junior Branch of the Farmers' Union of Alberta will be held during the week.

Application forms can be secured from The Director, Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Jelly Roll: Since it requires no icing, the jelly roll may be a time-saver if it rolls as it should. If you don't over-bake it, this recipe should give satisfactory results. Beat 2 eggs, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and beat well; add grated rind of 1 lemon. Sift 1 cup flour with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, and add to first mixture with 3 tbs. milk. Bake in moderate oven (350 F.) for 15 to 20 minutes, in a pan about 10 by 14 inches. Turn out on damp cloth, (some cooks use brown paper); spread with jelly and roll up; wrap in waxed paper and cool.

Brown: Choose a shank bone with quite a lot of beef on it; cook with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. lean pork and a medium-sized onion in very little water. When tender, run through chopper; return to liquid, add salt, pepper and summer savory to taste; heat, and simmer 5 minutes. Place in mould to set.

Fish Balls: Flake 1 cup cooked cod-fish or 1 small can salmon, and blend with $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups cold mashed potatoes, 1 beaten egg, 1 tbs. minced onion tops or parsley, pepper and salt to taste; shape in balls and fry slowly until well browned.

For Safety: Pack the oil fount of your coal oil lamps or lanterns with absorbent cotton, and put in only as much oil as the cotton will absorb. If your lamp should be upset, the coal oil won't spill.

Peas and Cheese: Melt 1 cup grated cheese over hot water, add 3 tbs. fat, 1 can peas, salt and pepper; serve on buttered toast.

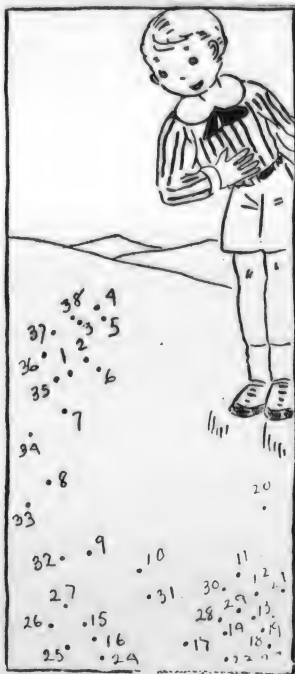
Plastic Table Tops for Dining Cars Save Money

MONTREAL — In an effort to halt spiralling costs, the Canadian National Railways are experimenting with plastic table tops in their dining cars, and with the use of paper serviettes instead of linen. During 1951, the system served well over two million meals, so that the laundry of table linen, together with wear and tear, mounts up to a huge sum.

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News of Women's Locals

Proceeds from lunch served at a sale were \$75, it was reported to a recent meeting of Viking F.W.U.A.

Mrs. R. L. Robertson writes that Durness F.W.U.A. are among those supporting an automobile indemnity act.

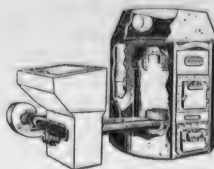
A number of bulletins were discussed by Gwynne F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. D. Baker, at the first meeting following reorganization, and particular interest was shown in the one on horticulture.

Questions and answers followed reading of the bulletin on Co-operation, at a recent meeting of Berrywater F. W. U. A. (Vulcan), and Miss Gladys Baden read the F.U.A. report on the producers' marketing Act.

A "Talent Night" sponsored by Hairy Hill F.W.U.A. brought in \$65, and was a success in every way. "We never knew we had so much hidden talent in the older members of our community," remarks Mrs. Nick Evaluk.

Pelican F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) are suggesting two young people to be sent to Farm Young People's Week, reports Mrs. G. L. Newell; it was also

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Junior Farmers of Ontario Hold Conference



Members of the Junior branch of the Farmers' Union of Alberta and of the Junior Farmers of Ontario have found numerous opportunities for exchange of ideas through fraternal delegates, and the Westerners have a very friendly feeling towards the Ontario organization. Seen above is David Pelletterio of Milton, Ont., President of some 12,000 Junior Farmers of his Province, with three charming young ladies, one a guest and the others delegates to the Farm Youth Conference, at which he was elected. Ruth Dickens, left, of Victor, N.Y.; Della Romagnoli, Beamsville, Ont., and Mildred Parkinson, Hillsburg, Ont. Mr. Pelletterio, in an interview, expressed the view that life on the farm has advantages over city life in Ontario, for young people, in spite of various handicaps.

decided to help the F.U.A. sell tickets for the junior nominee for Stampede Queen. The roll call "How to stimulate a child's interest in reading" proved interesting, writes Mrs. W. J. Edmunds, secretary of Royce F.W.U.A. (Hines Creek). A one-day sewing course, by Miss Seldon, has been arranged for July.

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The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.,
Alberta Wheat Pool

Favored by exceptionally fine drying weather during the month of April, farmers across the Prairie Provinces are busily engaged in harvesting the balance of the 1951 crop. A survey made by the Alberta Wheat Pool this week showed that farmers were making good progress with their harvesting, but that 19 per cent of the wheat crop, 10 per cent of the oats and 13 per cent of the barley remained to be threshed. On the basis of last fall's estimate of production, about 30 million bushels of wheat, 12.5 million bushels of oats and 13 million bushels of barley remain to be threshed in the Province.

Elevators Filling Up

For the most part crops are coming off in good condition, possibly somewhat lower in yield than last fall, but generally of about the same grade. This spring, however, the grain is exceptionally dry and the problem of handling the crop is considerably eased. Deliveries to country elevators during the past week have been heavy, and with nearly all of the wheat grading 5, 6 or feed, hundreds of country elevators are becoming plugged with low grade wheat. Moving this grain out before harvest of the 1952 crop begins will present a real problem. From the standpoint of the prairie grain producer, the fact that the United States is faced with the shortage of livestock feed may prove a real blessing, as it may provide a sizeable outlet for Canada's surplus feed grains.

Moisture conditions across the Prairies are generally excellent following last fall's heavy rain and snow, and the outlook for the 1952 crop is bright.

Big U.S. Crop Expected

In the United States the crop outlook is good. Winter wheat crops have generally come through the winter in good condition and moisture conditions are favorable in the spring wheat areas. A short time ago the crop was estimated at 1,254 million bushels as compared to last year's crop of 987 million bushels.

Livestock Market Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Apr. 30th. — Hogs sold yesterday \$23.75. Good to choice light weight butcher steers \$22 to \$23.50, down to \$20 for common; no outlet for butcher steers over 1,050 lbs. Good to choice butcher heifers \$21.50 to \$23, down to \$18 for common. Good cows \$16 to \$17, down to \$13.50 for common. Stocker and feeder steers \$20 to \$23, down to \$17 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 28th. — A fair demand for replacement cattle has developed since they were permitted to move back to the country; good light stocker and feeder steers are bringing \$18 to \$22, and the commoner kinds down to \$14. Medium to good heavyweight butcher steers are selling about even with baby beef of this quality at \$20 to \$22; medium to good lightweight heifers sold from \$18 to \$20, and the practical top on cows has been \$18 throughout the week. Grade A hogs for shipment have held steady throughout the week at \$24.75, sows \$12 and stags \$9.50, liveweight. Good to choice lambs are quoted \$21 to \$23, off trucks.

The Dairy Market

Dairy prices have dropped ten cents within the past month. While the floor price was set at 58 cents, the Federal Government made some purchases at 63 cents. These purchases have now been discontinued, and there is no confirmation that the floor remains at 58. Present prices to producers, locally, are 58 cents for special cream, 56 for No. 1, 47 for No. 2, and 41 for off-grade. Prints are 59 cents wholesale.

Crop prospects are favorable in Europe and a good crop is expected. Recent rains in drought-stricken Argentina have brightened the outlook there. The Argentinian wheat crop will be planted within a few weeks, and with the promise of a more favorable price, producers there are expected to plant a larger acreage to wheat this season. In Australia the government is asking for a larger wheat acreage this year and as an inducement has removed the 24 cent a bushel wheat export tax, which will result in a better price to producers.

More Support for ACU Educational Work Urged

President Frey Presents Report

"WITH more favorable weather if our revenues permit," urges Jake Frey of Arneson, President of the Alberta Co-operative Union, in the address which he presented to the Annual Convention of the Union, greater assistance should be given to the Secretary to enable him to visit "local co-operatives whose boards and management might be persuaded to give support to the Union."

Limited Budget

Preparations and issuing of educational and publicity material and a considerable volume of correspondence, it is pointed out by Mr. Frey, take up a large part of the time of the Secretary, Norman F. Priestley, and the limited budget prevents him from making many visits to various parts of the Province in the interests of the Union.

Make Alberta Banner Province

Mr. Frey appealed strongly for "more support for the educational effort of the Co-operative Union here in Alberta," and said, "We wish the Union to be a means of uniting co-ops in this Province in really effective work, so that Alberta may become one of the banner Provinces of Canada in the understanding and use of co-operative principles and methods."

Dealing with Mr. Priestley's activities during the year, Mr. Frey states: "It is surprising what work can be done in the field of education among co-operatives when one experienced man devotes his whole time to the work."

Principal Achievement

"The principal achievement of the year just past was the printing and issuing of a second edition of the booklet *Co-operatives and Farm Organizations of Alberta 1952*. In the fall of 1951, the first edition, of which 5,200 copies had been issued, was exhausted. Favorable reception given to it by member co-operatives and others pointed to the wisdom of bringing the material up to date and issuing the new addition. More than three thousand copies of the new edition have already been sold, and we hope to distribute copies to all high school teachers of the Province. Of the first edition, 1,255 copies were sent free to them."

Stressing the need for stronger support of the Union, Mr. Frey points out that "the co-operatives of Alberta are engaged in a wide variety of enterprises and cover a very large area. Since the Co-operative Union was first organized here in 1947, there has been constant effort to get as many of them as possible to become members, but as yet with only a limited degree of success."

Support for National Body

The President's report sets forth that one of the most important phases of the work of the A.C.U. is "to give support to the Co-operative Union of Canada, which now has an affiliate in every Province except Quebec, which has its own French-speaking Union." Limited financial resources prevented the A.C.U. from sending the full quota of delegates to the Congress. "The representatives sent were J. R. Love, F. J. Fitzpatrick, the Secretary, and myself."

Sincere appreciation had been expressed to Mr. Love at the Ottawa Congress, for his four years' work as Director of the national body, and he was succeeded, upon his declining to stand for a further term, by Mr. Priestley.

Co-op Life Insurance

"In the month of December," states the report, "your Executive met members of the Board of the Alberta Credit Union League in Calgary to place before them a request to clear the way in Alberta so that Co-opera-

Elect Officers

Officers of the Calgary and District Branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada were elected at a meeting in the Olds School of Agriculture on April 25th. The officers are: Past President, T. Ross, Calgary; President, Don Matthews, Calgary; Vice-President, Charles Yauch, Olds; Secretary-Treasurer, Douglas Elliott, Calgary; Council: A. W. McArton, Calgary; E. Berg, Calgary; Don Davidson, Calgary; G. L. Iveson, Calgary; H. R. Hooper, Olds.

Principal Yauch and Mr. Hooper were hosts for the evening, and a very fine picture, "Enough and for All", was shown by D. C. Ferguson of the Massey-Harris Co. Ltd., Calgary.

Presents Farm Viewpoint on Crow's Nest Agreement

Containing a most valuable historical survey of the history of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement and the limit upon freight rates under its terms, and also dealing with the struggle to maintain the maximum rates on grain and flour which the agreement established, a pamphlet has been written by Leonard D. Nesbitt, superintendent of Publicity for the Alberta Wheat Pool. We understand that it will be sent free of charge to persons interested who write or apply in person at the Pool office in Calgary.

We had planned to publish the case for the agreement in outline in this issue; but it has been necessary to hold it over. The outline will be printed in our second May issue.

For Central Alberta

OTTAWA, Ont. — Olli, Montcalm, Newal and Vantage are the four barley varieties currently recommended for Central Alberta.

Egg and Poultry Market

Locally, producers are receiving 34 cents for Grade A1 large eggs, 32 for medium, 27 for small; Grade A are 29 down to 22; B are 17, C 14 and crax 12. Chickens, over 5 lbs. are 41 for special, 39 for A, 34 for B and 26 for C; 4 to 5 lbs., 39 down to 24; under 4 lbs., 35 down to 21. Fowl, over 5 lbs., are 29 for A, 26 for B and 19 for C; 4 to 5 lbs., 27 down to 17; under 4, 24 down to 14.

Life Insurance Company could offer its services in the writing of loan and share insurance for Credit Unions.

"About four years ago the Credit Union League passed a resolution asking Co-op Life to stay out of that type of insurance in Alberta. The whole question came under review at the meeting of Congress in Ottawa, but I feel sure that arrangements will be made that will enable the C.U.N.A. Mutual Insurance Company and Co-op Life to work together so that the maximum insurance shall be written within the Co-operative movement."

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Income Tax and Medical Expenses

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary A.F.A.

THE Alberta Federation of Agriculture at their 1951 annual meeting sponsored a resolution urging that all medical expenses be considered as deductible for income tax purposes. This would mean the removal of the present, 4 per cent of net income, deductions from medical expenses.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture supported this resolution and submitted this request to the Federal Cabinet on March 12th.

At the A.F.A. board meeting on April 4th, President Roy Marler informed the Board that this 4 per cent clause had been removed.

Flouts Unanimous Resolution

This statement was made with the knowledge that the following resolution was, we understand, passed unanimously in the House of Commons on March 26th, 1952.

"That in the opinion of this house, the Government should give consideration to the advisability of introducing legislation amending the Income Tax Act so as to permit taxpayers to deduct from their incomes, before computing the amount of income tax to be paid, the aggregate of their medical expenses, as defined in the said act, rather than only the portion in excess of 4 per cent of the taxpayer's income, as is provided by the act as it now stands."

In advising the Board of this change, Mr. Marler assumed that the Government would not rule other than in accordance with the resolution so passed. We now find that on April 8th the Hon. Minister Mr. Abbott in discussing his annual budget, made the following statement:

"The existing maximum limits on the amount of medical expenses that may be deducted were established some time ago, and there is evidence that these limits are imposing undue hardship in many instances of prolonged or serious illness, especially in cases where certain new and more expensive kinds of treatment are required."

"I am, therefore, proposing that these limits now be doubled. The effect of this change will be to raise from \$750 to \$1,500 and from \$1,000 to 2,000 the amount which may be deducted in a year for persons having single and married status respectively, with corresponding increases in the allowance granted where there are dependents. The law also now requires that medical expenses be both incurred and paid in the same twelve month period to be eligible. I am proposing in the future to recognize expenses paid in the period no matter when incurred."

"I gave most careful consideration to the suggestion contained in the resolution passed by this House that the provisions of the law limiting the deductible medical expenses to those in excess of 4 per cent of income should be removed. However, I feel strongly that the normal personal and living expenses of a taxpayer should never be deductible from income for taxation purposes. The requirement that only medical expenses in excess of 4 per cent of income are deductible will be retained, however..."

Mr. Marler has notified the Board members and has corrected his previous statement. Through these columns we wish to clarify the point with our readers, especially those who may have received different advice from Board members as a result of Mr. Marler's first statement.

Seed Growers Meet June 18th

The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association will be held at the Western Ontario Agricultural School and Experimental Farm, Ridgeway, Ontario, June 18th, 19th and 20th.

Invite Co-operators

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Leaders of six national co-operative organizations in the U.S. have been invited by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan to form a committee to consult on matters affecting relationship of the Department of Agriculture with farm co-operators.

Appeal for Prompt Report of Symptoms

An appeal to stockmen to report promptly cases of any of the symptoms of foot and mouth disease was made by Dr. E. E. Ballantyne, Director of Veterinary Services for the Provincial Government when the first outbreak occurred in Saskatchewan, and should always be kept in mind. Such reports should be made to the nearest Health of Animals Division, at Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Coutts, Drumheller, Camrose, Vermilion, Red Deer, Wetaskiwin or Fairview; or to the closest veterinarian or district agriculturist; or to the Provincial Veterinary Service Branch, Edmonton.

"Early detection," he states, "is of the utmost importance to our livestock industry."

Briefly, Dr. Ballantyne points out, the symptoms are increase in temperature, loss of appetite, abundant salivation, smacking of the tongue, grinding of the teeth, and redness of the oral mucosa, followed, usually on the second day, by the distinctive eruption. Vesicles on the feet accompany or follow the eruption in the mouth; the initial symptoms are lameness, severe pain, heat, redness and swelling of the bulbs of the coronet. In swine, the foot lesions are mostly prevalent, though vesicles may appear on the snout. Pregnant animals may abort. In pigs, sheep and goats the lesions in the foot are most common, but both forms may be observed or only the mouth lesions.

OTTAWA LETTER

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a longer period without deterioration in quality. About 20 million pounds of pork have been canned. Surplus pork is now being frozen in Wiltshire sides, and an effort is being made to secure a satisfactory outlet for these. It is to be noted that the floor price on pork is related only to hogs themselves.

Marketing Delays Advocated

The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Gardiner, in a recent statement in the Commons, emphasized reasons why the marketing of cattle should be delayed while the U.S. embargo is on. When the embargo is raised, the U.S. outlet will be again available. Orderly marketing will prevent the congestion in marketing with the pressure on prices which over-supply entails. The floor price assures a minimum price, but extra feeding may improve grade and a better return to the producer. The Minister pointed to the well known fact that during the pasture season cattle make the most economical gains. Pasture is available on most farms and there are, in addition, community pastures. With the establishment of the floor price, it should be possible for the producer to market his cattle in an orderly way and send only finished cattle to market. If this is followed, glut of markets will be kept at a minimum and sometimes prices received will be over the

market floor price.

Meat Consumption Up

In relation to the amount of meat available to the Canadian consumer, figures for January to March show that for domestic use there was about 10 per cent less dressed beef than in the first three months of 1951. There was, however, 30 per cent more pork, and taking into account the range of meats, beef, veal, pork and mutton and lamb, the Canadian people have had 12 per cent more than last year.

It is pointed out that with an even but voluntary restrained flow of meat to the market, the situation is not considered so bad. It is hoped that some increase in domestic consumption may help to relieve pressure, which has resulted from the foot and mouth outbreak on an agricultural economy which is normally geared to a considerable export trade in meat and an uninterrupted inter-provincial exchange.

The new case of foot and mouth disease, hoped to be definitely the last, was reported on April 19th. The herd was located 6 miles south and 5 miles east of Ormiston, Saskatchewan. The herd was made up of 12 cattle and one hog. There was also a contact herd of 10 cattle. These belonged to a neighbor. These cattle have been destroyed and carcasses buried. Ormiston is 5 miles west of the southwest corner of the quarantine district.

Cases Investigated

Answering questions in regard to assurance that the floor price is paid to all farmers delivering livestock to packers, the Minister of Agriculture stated that where farmers have written in claiming that they got less than the floor price, these cases have been investigated by the Department and in a number of cases there has been adjustment.

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U.S. in Past Had Number of Outbreaks but None Has Occurred Since '32

Foot and mouth disease has appeared in cattle in the United States on a considerable number of occasions — but there has been no case of the disease in the States since 1932, when hogs but not cattle suffered an outbreak in California.

Outbreaks in the United States occurred in 1870, 1880, 1884, 1902, 1908, 1914, and twice in 1924, and again in 1929.

In 1870, foot and mouth disease was introduced into the United States by way of Canada, where the infection came from cattle imported from Scotland.

In 1902 outbreaks (two or three) in Massachusetts were eradicated in 6 months; in 1908, much of New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland were affected, and eradication was completed in 5 months.

The outbreak in 1914 was more extensive, affecting 22 states and the District of Columbia, and a year-and-a-half were required for its eradication. In 1924, two dairy herds in California were infected by importations from South America; deer in the mountain country were slaughtered. Control was established after six months.

Canada has adopted the methods to eliminate foot and mouth disease which have been successfully used in the U.S., Director of Veterinary Services for the Province, E. E. Ballantyne states.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks!

Radiogram from Federal points out that according to the *Free Press Weekly*, "The Government's anti-price fixing BULL has been adopted by the Commons. Well, says W. J. B., we always did think there was too much bull down in Ottawa. And now we suppose Hon. Jimmie Gardiner will lead the noble animal around and introduce him to all the M.P.'s."

And oh yes, Sydney, have you heard of the girl who wants to marry a sea captain and Rear admirals. But generally speaking we don't believe there's a Colonel of truth in it.

— W. J. B. Federal.

ELIZABETH REGINA

While the world is clad in mourning,
Millions of hearts in pain,
Our Elizabeth brings the dawning
Of a new and hopeful reign.
Gracious Queen, your Empire people
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Your faithful subjects sing.
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To guide our destiny,
And bind us ever closer
To our Kinsmen o'er the sea.
We also pray that God will bless
A long and happy reign.
In Elizabeth the Second
Her father lives again.
— L. N., London.

We see where a guy out at the coast was jailed for 30 years on charges of burglary. Ah, cut off in the midst of his crime, so to speak.

Farmers at Woorooden, Australia, believe that "infantile paralysis" has paralysed the hind legs of the frogs out there. Now the poor things can't hop it, we suppose.

Wally, our incurable bach, is still unmarried, though this being Leap Year, he admits he has had several "near Mrs."

POETRY DEPARTMENT

(Spasm 1.)

It is a fact, we know, of course,
It ne'er rains cats and dogs;
But scientists at last admit
It sometimes does rain frogs.

L. S. C., Calgary.

"The Jamaica", a Fleetwood, Lancashire fishing trawler, returned early with a new motor lorry on board, caught in the nets off Peel, Isle of Man. This is what is known as a net profit on a short haul.

Blackpool seaside resort police are experimenting with a new bowler style helmet—in felt, with a bright leather band—to withstand better the ravages of sea air. And the cops need not be surprised if they hear all the old-time trippers gally warbling: "Where Did You Get That Hat?"

POETRY DEPARTMENT

(Second Spasm)

There was a man named MOCK;
He was an awful Goop,
He changed his name to TURTLE
And then fell in the SOUP.

We read that there has not been a birth, death, wedding or crime in Mantie, Italy since 1949. This strikes us as being one of those hick towns where the girls say there is "Nothing Doing."

News item states that some American fishermen have had huge catches of lobsters by using scented bait. Claws and effect, what?

POUTRY DEPARTMENT

(Third Spasm)

Old Winter was
With blizzards blent;
Now Spring has came;
The snow has went.

A great incubator—three times as large as any in existence—is to start work this season at Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire, hatchery. It holds 357,000 eggs at a time. Proving that if you provide Biddy with the latest labor saving devices you'll get a record Shell-out.

A perfect film actress, says Knotty Frankie, is so good with her lines she never needs to fall back on her curves.

At the Lambeth Juvenile Court, two Boy Scouts, aged eleven and thirteen faced a charge that they stole a shoulder of mutton, cooked it and ate nearly half of it. Bet they felt sheepish.

HERE'S ANUDDER STORY

Baling out of a jet fighter over County Durham, an R.A.F. instructor landed on the back of a cow and broke an arm. We trust that Bossy sounded her horn.

Would it be correct to say that the pilot landed in the Milky Way?

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Well, believe it or not, but there is a firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan, rejoicing in the name of Dilley, Dilley, Dilley and Dilley. They should take in at least one more partner named Dalley.

An Oshkosh, U.S.A., woman told police that at a dance she lost her purse containing \$675. She got it back by post from a nearby town—containing \$1320. Could that be called a story with interest?

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Two farmers in a Calgary bus were talking about the weather and crops. Two girls got on and

On Mascot Duty



This baby cougar, donated by Mayor Fred Hume, Vancouver, has been sent to North Luffenham, Eng., for mascot duty with the RCAF's 410 Cougar Squadron. The three-month-old cougar, called "Rosie" although its sex is still uncertain, is now the size of a big alley cat, but when full grown will tip the scales at 450 pounds.

"These Things We Own"

REGINA. — Sponsored jointly by the Saskatchewan Federated Co-operatives, Ltd., and the Co-operative Union of Saskatchewan, the film "These Things We Own" had its premiere here recently. It tells the story of the world's first co-op oil refinery, and various other co-ops of the Province.

World hog numbers at January 1st, 1952, were estimated at 305 million head, a record total, reports *Foreign Crops and Markets*.

DDT Can Control These

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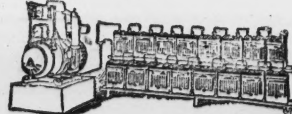
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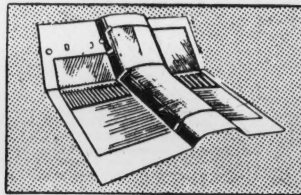
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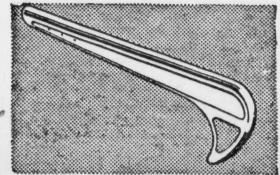
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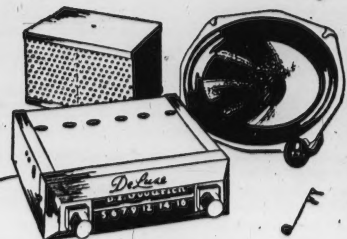
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